

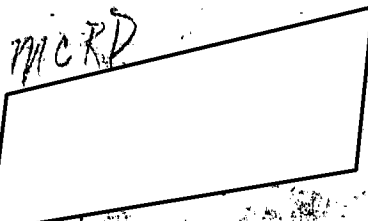
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From: Director, FBI (88-133) 66-48388

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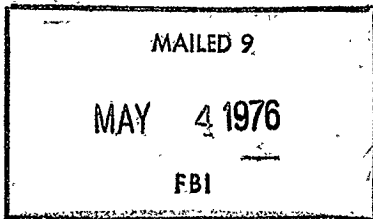
Re: Airtel dated 4/29/76 and re: Airtel dated 5/3/76.

This is to confirm Airtel to captioned matter wherein all listed offices were advised that at the instruction of the Criminal Division, UCRS, investigation to the captioned matter should be held in abeyance until the Department has an opportunity to discuss this matter with the USA's Office, UCRS.

Enclosed will advise all Offices when investigation should be initiated.

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January 14, 1974

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached communication from the Department requests limited investigation into a possible violation of 18 USC 610 which prohibits corporations from making political contributions in connection with Federal elections and prohibits political committees from accepting such contributions.

The Department received information from the General Accounting Office (GAO) that a political committee, the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, received three contributions from corporations during the period of the 1972 Democratic Presidential primaries. Chisholm is a Democratic Congresswoman from Brooklyn, New York.

On 1/14/74 Craig Donsanto of the Criminal Division of the Department advised that three of the Chisholm Committee's officers have previously been contacted by GAO and the Department regarding alleged solicitation of corporate funds, however, according to Mr. Donsanto they have not been sufficiently responsive concerning the matter. He requested that [redacted] b6  
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[redacted] who was the [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Chisholm Committee; [redacted]  
[redacted] for the Committee; and  
[redacted] for the Committee, been interviewed regarding the particulars of a possible violation of 18 USC 610.

Investigation is being ordered and the office of Congresswoman Chisholm is being advised that investigation has been requested by the Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

DEPARTMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation

DATE: Janua

FROM: Henry E. Petersen  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

HEP:TJM:CCD:ml  
72-017-50

SUBJECT: Shirley Chisholm for President Committee,

18 U.S.C. 610.

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Attached hereto is a copy of a portion of a referral which this Division received from the Office of Federal Elections, General Accounting Office, indicating that the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee received three contributions from corporations during the period of the 1972 Democratic Presidential primaries. The information contained in the attachment was developed by the Office of Federal Elections during an audit of the subject Committee's books and records, and interviews with [redacted] and [redacted]

The receipt and the retention of these three corporate contributions which together total \$686.00, could constitute prosecutable violations of 18 U.S.C. 610 by the Committee, as well as by each individual committee agent who participated in the solicitation and/ or the receipt of these contributions with knowledge that they had come from corporations.

Accordingly, in order to assist this Division determine whether such violations may be present, the Bureau is requested to interview [redacted] and [redacted] to ascertain the particulars concerning the solicitation and receipt of the three subject contributions, and whether the subject monies have been refunded to the contributing corporations. If a claim of refund is made, the Bureau should obtain corroborative documentation, preferably in the form of copies of the checks representing said reimbursement.

[redacted] last known address was [redacted]  
[redacted] last known address was [redacted]  
We do not have a street address for [redacted] His address was identified on the subject committee's registration statement as [redacted]  
[redacted] which post office box we have ascertained was taken out in the name of Shirley Chisholm herself.

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[redacted] is Congresswoman Chisholm's [redacted] and we have no objection to the Bureau's advising the Congresswoman of this investigation.

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Attachments

E. Corporate Contributions

Section 610 of title 18, United States Code, prohibits corporations from making political contributions in connection with Federal elections and prohibits political committees from accepting such contributions.

Our examination of the Committee's records indicated that they received at least three contributions from corporations:

100 from [redacted] New York, New York; \$200 from Spartacus Securities, Inc., Brooklyn, New York; and \$386 from White Plains Manor, Inc., Bronx, New York.

Officers of the Committee, Spartacus Securities, Inc., and White Plains Manor, Inc. told us that they were unaware of the illegality of corporate contributions to political committees.

[redacted] told us he reimbursed his corporation for the \$100 contribution on May 16, 1972, and has furnished us with a copy of the cancelled reimbursement check.

[redacted] stated he would refund the other two corporate contributions and send us copies of the cancelled refund checks as soon as they are available. To date we have not received copies of the checks.

The making and acceptance of the corporate contributions appear to be violations of section 610, title 18, United States Code.

ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 1-18-74

FROM : R. R. Franck

SUBJECT: SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE,  
POSSIBLE ELECTION LAWS VIOLATION

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the Department letter, 1-10-74, from Henry E. Petersen, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, concerning the captioned matter, and the General Investigative Division note, 1-14-74, indicating that Congresswoman Chisholm's office was being advised of the FBI's investigation as requested by the Department of Justice.

Congresswoman Chisholm's office was closed on 1-15-74 in connection with Martin Luther King's birthday, and SA [redacted] Congressional Services Office (CSO), contacted her [redacted] on 1-16-74 and advised her of the FBI's investigation as requested by the Department of Justice. [redacted] thanked SA [redacted] and stated she would inform the Congresswoman, who was in Brooklyn at the time.

On 1-18-74, [redacted] to Congresswoman Chisholm, called SA [redacted] advised that he is following this matter for the Congresswoman, and he stated that his office had been furnished a copy of the report made by the General Accounting Office to the Department of Justice. [redacted] explained to [redacted] that the FBI was conducting the investigation at the request of Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and any inquiries relating to the case should be referred to Mr. Petersen's office. It was explained to [redacted] that the FBI would conduct the investigation and submit the investigation to the Criminal Division. He expressed his appreciation and stated that should any questions arise, he would contact the Department of Justice.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Bowers

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CORRESPONDENCE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 2/4/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/17/74 - 2/4/74
TITLE OF CASE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY rvc
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS	

REFERENCE

Buairtel to New York, with enclosures, 1/14/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of the Bureau, as a matter of clarification, NYO investigation reflects that [REDACTED] is Congresswoman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM's [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED] as indicated in the Departmental communication to the Director, a copy of which was enclosed for New York with reairtel.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

All persons interviewed in this matter were advised that the investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the US Department of Justice.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will recontact [redacted] to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee to obtain all available documents and information re this investigation. It is noted that on 2/4/74, [redacted] indicated that the documents should be available by 2/8/74.

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Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted]

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: 2/4/74

Field Office File #: 56-488

Bureau File #:

Title:

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE

18 USC 610

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] advised sole function was [REDACTED] on checking account of Shirley Chisholm for President Committee in 1972. [REDACTED] indicated he was not aware of designation [REDACTED] of the Committee until prior to General Accounting Office (GAO) audit of Committee's records in 1973. [REDACTED] declined interview on advice of counsel. [REDACTED] Efforts to locate [REDACTED] for the Committee, unsuccessful. [REDACTED] advised he is unpaid volunteer [REDACTED] to the Committee and is familiar with the three alleged corporate contributions to the Committee. [REDACTED] stated matter of refunds has been resolved and he would make corroborative documentation available by 2/8/74. [REDACTED] requested Committee officials not be interviewed and that all inquiries should be directed to him.

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ENCLOSURES (2) to USA, EDNY

Enclosed as background information for the assistance of the USA, EDNY are copies of two self-explanatory documents forwarded to the Bureau by the Department.

DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

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This investigation was predicated upon receipt by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of a communication dated January 14, 1974 from Headquarters, FBI. Enclosed with that communication were copies of 1) a Departmental memo to the Director and 2) a portion of a referral to the Department from the Office of Federal Elections, General Accounting Office. The Department requested therein interviews of three persons associated with the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee regarding their knowledge of the solicitation and refund of three alleged corporate contributions, totaling \$686.00, to that Committee.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] was contacted and advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was conducting an investigation regarding contributions by three corporations to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee in 1972.

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He said that he was aware of the matter but only because of the two-week audit of the Committee's records in 1973 by the General Accounting Office (GAO). He provided the following information:

In 1972, he was approached by [redacted] and asked to become [redacted]

The arrangement was for the checks to be [redacted] and either [redacted]

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During this time, he did not consider himself to be serving in any official position with the Committee, such as [redacted]. He did not realize that he had been designated as such until it was brought to his attention prior to the inquiry into the Committee's records by GAO. Despite his designation as [redacted] at no time during the two-week GAO audit was he interviewed or contacted by anyone connected with GAO.

[redacted] and [redacted] for the Committee, [redacted] is the person who could provide any necessary information concerning corporate contributions and any reimbursements from the Committee to contributing corporations.

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[redacted] was listed in the Committee's records as [redacted]. He has no knowledge of the specific nature of [redacted] duties and responsibilities with the Committee. His current whereabouts are not known to him.

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by SA [redacted] :lp Date dictated 2/4/74

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The address of 1028 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn,  
New York, is the former address of [REDACTED] SHIRLEY  
CHISHOLM.

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[redacted] contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in response to a prior inquiry with his office. He advised that [redacted] to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee. He stated that he became [redacted] but declined to provide the exact date. He provided the following information:

[redacted] he is familiar with the matter of three corporate contributions to the Committee. He considers the matter of the corporate contributions resolved because of the following reasons:

1. \$100.00 from [redacted]  
[redacted] - according to a report of the General Accounting Office (GAO), [redacted] reimbursed his corporation for the \$100.00 contribution, thus making the contribution to the committee a personal, rather than a corporate, contribution.
2. \$200.00 from Spartacus Securities, Inc., Brooklyn, New York - the Committee has reimbursed this corporation in the amount of \$200.00.
3. \$386.00 from White Plains Manor, Inc., Bronx, New York - unsuccessful efforts have been made by him to locate this corporation in an effort to determine the specific circumstances surrounding this contribution. The corporation is apparently no longer in existence. Persons knowledgeable about campaign affairs have indicated to him that this extraordinary amount possibly represented a contribution

Brooklyn, New York  
(Telephonic)

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by SA [redacted] JR:lp Date dictated 2/4/74

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by a group of persons rather than a corporation. The group possibly consisted of a group of Hispanic women who catered a campaign social event in Bronx, New York. He would provide the FBI with all information and documentation, including an affidavit, pertinent to this contribution at a later date.

He will attempt to make available by February 8, 1974 copies of all corroborative documentation pertaining to the above contributions and the single repayment by the Committee.

He requested as Counsel to the Committee that no other officials of the Committee be interviewed by the FBI without initially contacting him. He indicated that he desires to be cooperative but wishes that all inquiries be directed to him.

He advised that he does not know the current whereabouts of [redacted] for the Committee, but could possibly locate him in the future.

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He stated that he would recontact the New York Office of the FBI when all documents have been assembled.

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[redacted] contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised that he had been notified by [redacted] that the FBI had contacted him, [redacted] regarding the matter of contributions from three corporations to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee in 1972. He advised that he was familiar with the matter.

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At this point, [redacted] indicated that he would agree to discuss the matter after a conversation took place between Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] for the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, Brooklyn, New York.

Shortly thereafter, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted]. He was apprised of the fact that the FBI was conducting an investigation concerning contributions from the following corporations:

1. \$100.00 from [redacted]
2. \$200.00 from Spartacus Securities, Inc.,  
Brooklyn, New York;
3. \$386.00 from White Plains Manor, Inc.,  
Bronx, New York

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At this point, he expressed a personal willingness to cooperate, however, he wished not to provide any further information upon the advice of [redacted] to refrain until a later date from discussing this matter.

He did advise, as a matter of clarification, that there is no [redacted] in his family and that [redacted]

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[redacted] is a former, not a current, address of his. He indicated that mail has been received pertinent to this matter, which was erroneously addressed to [redacted] at [redacted]

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At Brooklyn, New York and New York, New York

On January 17, 1974, in an effort to locate the current address of [redacted] Shirley Chisholm for Congress Committee, an attempt was made to obtain the information from the District Office of Representative SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, 1149 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York (596-3500). It was determined that the office was closed on that date.

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A telephonic inquiry with that office on January 24, 1974 resulted in information that [redacted] could be contacted through [redacted]

[redacted] Between January 25, 1974 and February 1, 1974, efforts to locate [redacted] at his business were unsuccessful, and messages were left requesting him to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). On February 4, 1974, [redacted] [redacted] advised that although he preferred not to provide [redacted] unpublished telephone number, he would contact [redacted] himself and have [redacted] contact the FBI.

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On January 22, 1974, an unsuccessful effort was made to locate [redacted] at [redacted]. Inquiries at that address and appropriate searches of [redacted] directories reflect one [redacted] as a resident at that address.

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On January 22, 1974, it was also determined that [redacted] also did not reside at [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On January 22, 1974, an inquiry was made at [redacted]  
[redacted] in an effort to locate a  
[redacted] It was ascertained that that address is  
currently that of the [redacted]

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>2/19/74</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/8-19/74</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRES. COMMITTEE.</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY rmh
[REDACTED] <b>18 USC 610</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ELECTION LAWS</b>	

REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [REDACTED] 2/4/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Person interviewed in this matter was advised at the specific request of the US Department of Justice.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Continue efforts to re-contact [REDACTED] and to locate and interview [REDACTED]

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New York notes that based on the interview on 2/9/74, of [REDACTED] the CHISHOLM Committee, it is unlikely that either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] will consent to be interviewed, based on [REDACTED] advice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: 2/19/74

Field Office File #: 56-488

Bureau File #:

Title: SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT  
COMMITTEE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

18 USC 610

Character:

ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] for the SHIRLEY CHISHOLM for President Committee, on 2/9/74, made available to Bureau Agent: 1.) A letter over his signature outlining the Committee's position on three alleged corporate contributions, totaling \$686, to the Committee; 2.) A xerox copy of a check in the amount of \$200 payable to one of the three corporations, Spartacus Securities, Inc., Brooklyn, NY, from the Committee; 3.) A deposition taken [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] on 2/8/74, setting forth [REDACTED] understanding of the circumstances surrounding the contribution of \$386 to the Committee from White Plains Manor, Inc., 3510 White Plains Road, Bronx, New York. [REDACTED] indicated that because of possible technical violations, he would advise [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] not to consent to interviews by the FBI. Efforts to personally contact and interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] unsuccessful to date. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

At Brooklyn, New York

On February 11, 1974, attempts to contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were unsuccessful. A subsequent attempt to locate [REDACTED] on February 19, 1974, also unsuccessful.

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On February 8, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that documentation previously requested in this matter by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been prepared and was available in his office. He suggested that SA [redacted] appear at his office on February 9, 1974, and if he, [redacted] was present, the documents would be made available.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] for the SHIRLEY CHISHOLM for President Committee,  
made available to SA [redacted] the following  
documents, the originals of which are being maintained in  
the possession of the New York Office of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] collectively reflect the position of the Committee  
regarding allegations of three corporate contributions to  
the Committee.

He also advised that the copy of the check pay-  
able to Spartacus Securities, Incorporated, in the amount  
of \$200, represented repayment by the Committee for that  
corporation's contributions.

He finally stated that he intended to advise  
[redacted] and [redacted] not to consent to inter-  
views by the FBI. He indicated that he was doing so be-  
cause of possible technical violations of the federal law  
in this matter.

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The two documents and the copy of the check which  
was obtained from [redacted] are as follows:

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by SA [redacted] /rmb Date dictated 2/12/74

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[Redacted]  
Agent, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation  
New York Office  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10021

Re: Shirley Chisholm for President Committee

Dear Sir:

You had advised me that you were investigating the matter of three corporate contributions to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, and that it was desired that any evidence be furnished which demonstrated that the amounts contributed had been returned to the payors.

I have inquired into the three items in question, namely:

- (1) check of [Redacted]  
[Redacted] for \$100;
- (2) check of Spartacus Securities, Inc., for \$200;
- (3) check of White Plains Manor, Inc., for \$386.

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It is noted that the report of the General Accounting Office states as follows (at page 8):

[Redacted] told us he reimbursed his corporation for the \$100 contribution on May 16, 1972, and has furnished us with a copy of the cancelled reimbursement check."

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Accordingly, I have advised the committee that it is my opinion that the \$100 which it had previously received from the corporation may now be considered by the committee as [Redacted] personal contribution, and that it may be so recorded and reported.

[redacted]  
Agent, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

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The contribution of \$200 made by Spartacus Securities, Inc. has been refunded to Spartacus Securities, Inc., and evidence of such refund in the form of a copy of a cancelled check to order of Spartacus Securities, Inc., in amount of \$200, is annexed hereto.

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In my opinion, the check for \$386 received from White Plains Manor, Inc. was not a contribution from that corporation. The amount, per se, appeared to suggest that there was some special factor which marked the nature of the funds. Accordingly, I made inquiry in which I sought to trace the probable origin of this check. As a result of this inquiry, I have elicited facts which demonstrate that the sum of \$386 was not a contribution by the corporation. White Plains Manor, Inc. Annexed is the affidavit of [redacted] which, in my opinion, strongly leads to the conclusion that the check was merely a transmittal accommodation extended by White Plains Manor, Inc. to a group of supporters of the Chisholm campaign.

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I trust that the foregoing provides you with the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11216

OFFICIAL CHECK

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PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

*Spartan Securities Inc*  
(REMITTER MUST INSERT PAYEE'S NAME IN INK ON LINE ABOVE)

DATE *6/8/53*

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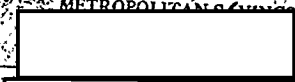
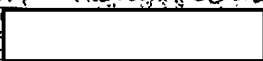
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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
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[redacted] being duly sworn, deposes,  
and says that:

I reside at [redacted]

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Sometime after April, 1973, following the audit by the General Accounting Office of the records of the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, and after it was pointed out that several contributions by three corporation checks had been received by the committee and had been listed in its reports to the GAO, and that such contributions were illegal, I drove to the address of White Plains Manor, Inc. at 3510 White Plains Road, Bronx, New York. Since the contribution was said to be illegal, my purpose was to make a refund for the committee. I looked for the establishment, but I simply could not find it.

Recently, [redacted] reviewed with me the matters pertaining to the corporate checks. He quizzed me on the fact that it seemed strange that a catering place, or anyone else for that matter, would make a contribution of such an uneven amount as \$386.00. Finally, there emerged recollections on my part which, I believe, correctly trace the origin of this so-called "contribution".

I have now been requested by [redacted] to record these recollections.

There was an occasion in the early period of the Shirley Chisholm for President campaign when I drove Mrs. Chisholm to the Bronx to attend an affair held in a building on White Plains Road, which affair was sponsored by

a group of Hispanic-American women. The affair was conducted by the women to raise funds to support the effort of Mrs. Chisholm as the first black woman ever to be a candidate for the Presidency. Mrs. Chisholm had been invited to attend, and we drove there with several other of her aides.

I recall that I was unfamiliar with the route of travel. It was the first time I had ever used the Throggs Neck Bridge, and besides I was unfamiliar with the Bronx in general, and especially with the particular area we had to get to. I got lost in the Bronx and we travelled around in circles during the very cold afternoon. Since Mrs. Chisholm disapproves of any kind of speed in car travel, it became early evening by the time we reached the location.

Actually, we could find no building number, and it was only the fact that there were a number of women on the street on the lookout for us, that we were able to find the place at all. I believe there was a bar on the street floor of the building, and we were escorted upstairs. There, in a hall, were many Spanish-speaking persons who were having light refreshments, and I believe, a children's band and other children were providing bits of entertainment. All of the discourse was in Spanish, so that only Mrs. Chisholm, in our party, could get the drift of what was being said.

I recall that, at some point, plates were passed around for a collection for the Chisholm campaign, and I myself placed 75¢ in coins onto the plate.

Again, at [redacted] request of several days ago, I have checked with [redacted] who is Congresswoman Chisholm's [redacted] and

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have learnt from him that the affair I had recollected was a "cocktail sip" conducted on Sunday, February 20, 1972, at White Plains Manor Ballroom, located at 3510 White Plains Road, Bronx, N.Y. He further advised me that sometime after the affair, some lady representatives of the group brought a check for the net proceeds of the affair to the Brooklyn office of Congresswoman Chisholm, and the check was turned over to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, [redacted] had no recollection as to the name of the payor on the check or its amount.

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However, I have no doubt at all that this was the check of \$386. which was deposited in the committee's bank account, recorded as received from White Plains Manor, Inc., and subsequently so listed in the committee's report to the GAO. I have no doubt that the check was written as an accommodation to the women's group, and was not actually a contribution by the corporation, White Plains Manor, Inc.

Sworn to before me this

6th day of February, 1974

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 3/21/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/12/74 - 3/19/74
TITLE OF CASE  CHANGED SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE [REDACTED] 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY RVC
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## REFERENCE

NYreport of SA [REDACTED] 2/19/74.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigative period of this report predates the date of referenced report because production of the statement contained herein was not completed in time for conclusion in report of 2/19/74.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Continue efforts to recontact [redacted] and to locate and interview [redacted]

New York notes that based on the interview on 2/9/74, of [redacted] for the Chisholm Committee, it is unlikely that either [redacted] or [redacted] will consent to be interviewed, based on [redacted] advice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: [REDACTED]

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Title: SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT  
COMMITTEE. [REDACTED]

Character: 18 USC 610

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Synopsis:

On 2/12/74, a document was received from [REDACTED] for the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, entitled, "Statement Relative to Final Financial Report Filed by the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee with U.S. General Accounting Office" and was dated 1/18/74. Continuous efforts have been unsuccessful in an attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

At Brooklyn, New York

Repeated attempts between February 25, 1974 and March 19, 1974 to personally and telephonically contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were unsuccessful.

By mail on February 12, 1974, Special Agent [REDACTED] received from [REDACTED] the following document. [REDACTED] had previously indicated to Special Agent [REDACTED] on February 9, 1974 that the following statement was being made available by him as [REDACTED] for the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee. He had advised that the statement set forth a summary of information and the overall position of the Chisholm Committee regarding the matter of the committee's campaign finances.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

STATEMENT RELATIVE TO FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FILED BY THE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT  
COMMITTEE WITH U. S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

The Shirley Chisholm for President Committee appends this prefatory statement to its complete and final report to the U. S. General Accounting Office as to campaign finances.

The purpose of this statement is to present a summary of the information and data relative to the contributions and expenditures handled by the national committee. An ancillary purpose is to make such materials readily available to the thousands of persons in all parts of the United States who actively participated in, or who contributed financially to, the Chisholm presidential campaign, and to all others who may be interested in the information.

The committee considers the dissemination of this information to be particularly necessary because of recent widespread publication of news stories which presented partial and distorted accounts of some aspects of the committee's interim reports of its financial data. The published accounts bore little or no resemblance to the full picture.

This finance report embraces the entire period of the campaign. The report covers the early and tentative beginnings in the Fall of 1971, and continues through the Democratic national nominating convention in July, 1972. Also covered is the period subsequent to the convention, up to and including the committee's final transactions in December, 1973.

In sum, the national Shirley Chisholm for President Committee received contributions totalling \$118,620.62. These contributions were made by thousands of persons situated in almost every state of the United States. The donors made their contributions individually or through groups.

The overwhelmingly greater number of contributions consisted of amounts ranging from 25¢ to \$5.00. The committee recorded the names of thousands of the contributors. Thousands of other contributors are unknown to the committee because their contributions formed part of cumulative sums collected at many places. Their coins and dollars were given at meetings and rallies held in schools and colleges, churches, community centers, and union halls, and at parties in private homes. The contributions of amounts under \$100 added up to \$26,266.55. Contributions by individuals of amounts of \$100 and over totalled \$50,964.19. Contributions by groups amounted to \$39,200.48. Bank interest and telephone refund were \$2,189.40.

Separate and apart from the contributions to the national committee were monies raised and used by local groups in many states. Such monies were used by the local groups in support of activities connected with statewide primaries and party caucuses and conventions.

All of the relatively meagre funds (relative to the multi-millions of dollars reported by other presidential campaign committees) received by the Chisholm national committee were expended towards fulfillment of the insatiable demands of a

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movement which placed Mrs. Chisholm in the primary elections conducted in seventeen states. The whirlwind campaign was mounted during a period of less than five months. When the Democratic national convention adjourned in July, 1972, the committee held sizeable unpaid bills, and it was without funds sufficient to pay the bills. Proceeds from a recent fund-raising dinner, together with a personal contribution of \$3,000 from Congresswoman Chisholm, have been used to meet the deficit. In fact, the deficit would have been significantly larger, except that expenses for the travel of the candidate and of some of her aides throughout state after state were charged to her through use of her American Express credit cards. Mrs. Chisholm was reimbursed by the committee for only a part of the heavy charges thus imposed upon her personally. She was by far the largest financial contributor to the campaign, having expended out-of-pocket \$32,599.50, and received reimbursement from the committee of \$14,974.34.

The committee carefully nurtured the funds which it received from the candidate's supporters. The monies were placed in a savings account, to earn interest during the periods of non-use. As needed, monies from the savings account were transferred by means of bookkeeping entries to a checking account maintained in the same bank.

The number of full-time campaign aides supported by the committee, each of them for periods varying from 2 to 5 months, never exceeded six persons at any given time. This small band performed the mammoth task of assisting Mrs. Chisholm in the planning, coordination, and execution of a national campaign which placed her candidacy and her carefully-postulated

program before Democratic voters across the nation.

Mrs. Chisholm's candidacy was not long pre-planned, nor was it based on established political organizations. From the day of her announcement, on January 25th, 1972, that she intended to seek the Democratic presidential nomination, a myriad of supporters sprang up from grass roots in all sections of the country. Her congressional office and this newly-formed national committee were swamped by the massive public response. An avalanche of mail cascaded into the offices. The committee was deluged with calls for information, literature, materials, speakers, organizers, and everything else which concerned citizens were entitled to demand. In retrospect, the dynamics of the catalysis generated by the Chisholm candidacy appear awesome and inspiring. A recount of how Mrs. Chisholm and her handful of dedicated, but inexperienced, aides met the demands of people - incessant demands which seemed to come from everywhere - is better stated in the Congresswoman's book, "The Good Fight".

The committee concerned itself strictly with the business of safeguarding the monies received in support of the campaign for the nomination of Shirley Chisholm. Every dollar was banked, on record. Every dollar was expended by bank check, on record. The committee employed no fund-raisers, overt or covert. It maintained no secret caches of slush-fund cash. No bagmen were hired to surreptitiously receive unlawful

contributions.. No one applied pressures or practiced extortions. No one planned or countenanced unfair campaign tactics, although its candidate was a victim of the dirty tricks of criminal saboteurs.

Alleged Inadequate Record-Keeping and Incomplete Reporting

The committee has been criticized by the General Accounting Office for inadequacy of its record-keeping and for incompleteness of its reporting. Apparently, the criticism is justified to some extent. The reasons for the shortcomings probably are not as apparent.

The committee has consisted of two, three, sometimes four persons, each of us part-time volunteers otherwise regularly engaged in our usual businesses and occupations. None of us is a lawyer or an accountant. We had no prior experience with or conception of a campaign like this one; we knew little about the new or old campaign finance reporting laws; we could hardly keep up with the not-so-simple reporting forms. As daily events overtook us, we were beset and staggered by belated discoveries of additional reporting requirements.

It has been estimated for us, that if we could and did prepare and file all reports which may have been required, the number of such reports would have exceeded fifty.

It was a colossal task just to constantly keep abreast of a veritable avalanche of records. Admittedly, we had to make abbreviated recordings, but it appears to us that the records were reasonably adequate.

It has also been estimated that, to have maintained the detailed and precise records required by law and regulation, the full-time employment of a clerical staff of at least six persons would have been necessary. In addition, the constant supervision of an attorney or an experienced accountant would have been indispensable. To employ such personnel, and to provide the supporting facilities for such a staff, it is probable that the committee would have expended half of its funds.

None of these comments is intended as criticism of the law or the regulations. On the contrary, we have learned, through difficult experiences, that the legal requirements are generally valid, logical and most necessary. The "great" discovery we have made is that a campaign of this order and dimension cannot be projected by shoestrings.

In 1972, we thought that our primary responsibility was to handle contributors' monies safely and honestly. We did not then sufficiently appreciate the equally critical need for, and the deep implications of, rigidly precise and detailed public disclosure. More simply stated, in 1972, like most other Americans, we scarcely imagined the kind and extent of the political pollution and corruption which became revealed in post-Watergate 1973.

We unreservedly subscribe to the fullest possible disclosure of campaign financing. Justice Holmes' admonition that, "The best disinfectant is the light of day", is more apt today than ever. Therefore, we pledge that, in the next campaign, we will do better record-keeping and reporting.



Alleged "Possible Misuse of \$23,000 Surplus"

The most shocking distortion of fact, widely-published in news reports, was the allegation of "possible misuse of a \$23,000 surplus" by the committee. Some of the news reports even implied that the alleged "possible misuse" was by Mrs. Chisholm.

This reckless allegation was somehow extrapolated from data in an audit report made by the General Accounting Office. The audit report showed the existence of a surplus as of a specified date. The calculations in the audit, of course, did not take into account the substantial bills which were presented to the committee after the period covered by the audit. When those bills were paid by the committee, not only was the temporary surplus wiped out, but a deficit loomed large.

Certainly there were times when the committee held funds in surplus. However, soon after the Democratic national convention adjourned, a fresh bunch of bills confronted the committee. Quickly, a seeming surplus became converted into a deficit.

Only recently has the committee been able to finally liquidate the last of its debts.

In the accompanying report, all transactions of the committee, from the first to the last, are recorded. Consequently, the report naturally eliminates the misleading appearance of a surplus or of a deficit at intermediate stages of the committee's existence.

Alleged Illegal Corporate Contributions

The General Accounting Office cited as an "apparent violation" three contributions to the committee made by corporations.

Among the thousands of contributions received by the committee, there came contributions from three personally-held corporations. One such contribution was for \$100; another was for \$200; and the third, from White Plains Manor, Inc., was for \$386. These contributions were duly noted in the committee's records, duly deposited in the committee's bank account, and duly stated in the committee's reports to the General Accounting Office.

The committee now understands that such contributions, even by one-person corporations, are not legal. Apparently, this has long been the law. Accordingly, the first two corporations have been reimbursed. The third corporation, White Plains Manor, Inc., cannot be located by the committee. However, it has been learned that its \$386 check was actually a transmittal to accommodate a group of Hispanic-American women who had raised the funds in an affair for the benefit of the Chisholm campaign, conducted at the corporation's facilities.

This "apparent violation" by the Chisholm committee was also heralded in a front-page news item as a subject of Federal investigation.

Whereupon, several days following this news item, none other than President Nixon proclaimed that both parties had received tainted money in 1972, and he was reported as having further declared: "Some of that -- came from corporate sources and was illegal because the

law had been changed and apparently people didn't know it". Thus, millions of dollars in cash criminally passed under the table by sophisticated pillars of our corporate society to other sophisticated pillars of our society were equated with \$300 in two corporation checks received and recorded openly and publicly by this committee. Quite an equation!!

Failure to Name a Committee Chairman

The General Accounting Office cited as another "apparent violation" the committee's failure to name a chairman.

The committee's registration statement, filed on June 1, 1972, listed as officers a treasurer and an assistant treasurer. Our reason for not listing a chairman at that time is now obscure even to us. We knew that we wanted and needed two signatories to safeguard bank withdrawals; so that we did designate a treasurer and an assistant treasurer for this purpose. Just why a chairman was not named, as such, at that time, we do not remember.

After the filing of the registration statment, we simply forgot that a chairman, as such, had not been designated. The matter did not come to our attention again, that is, not until more than a year later, when we were reminded by the General Accounting Office that the committee did not have anyone designated as a chairman.

CONCLUSION

In the accompanying report, the committee has presented a full account of all of its financial transactions. As far as possible, the U. S. Comptroller General's regulations have been complied with. In several relatively minor respects, compliance has not been possible because of the irretrievability of the information. However, the committee has compiled and substantially supplied the data vital to the law's objective of adequate disclosure. In fact, in various respects, much specific information set forth in the report exceeds the reporting requirements of the General Accounting Office.

The committee hopes, perhaps vainly, to be able to bring this statement and report to the attention of the innumerable persons who were impressed with the published news reports which were unfortunately based upon incomplete data. In any event, the committee will do whatever is possible to disseminate this information among thousands of Congresswoman Chisholm's supporters throughout the nation.

Dated, January 18, 1974

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE APR 4 1974	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25/74-4/23/74
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY CCR
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS	

## REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [REDACTED]

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

Persons interviewed in this matter were advised that this investigation was conducted at the specific request of the US Department of Justice.

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: APR 24 1974

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Title: SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT  
COMMITTEE, [REDACTED]  
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Character: 18 USC 610

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Synopsis: On 4/23/74, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
advised that they wished to abide by the advice  
of counsel, [REDACTED] and not consent to personal interview  
by the FBI. Investigation concluded.

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DETAILS:This report contains the results of a limited  
investigation.AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORKRepeated attempts between March 25, 1974 and  
April 18, 1974, to personally and telephonically contact[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were unsuccessful.b6  
b7CIn an effort to locate both, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was contacted on April 22, 1974.

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[redacted] advised that, upon the advice [redacted] he desired not to be interviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The interview would have been concerning his knowledge of certain campaign contributions to the SHIRLEY CHISHOLM for President Committee in 1972.

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment [redacted]. He advised that he wished to abide by the advice of his [redacted] who had previously advised him not to consent to interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) because of the possibility of the existence of a technical violation involved in the matter of campaign contributions to the SHIRLEY CHISHOLM for President Committee in 1972.

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## Inquiry Clearing Rep. Chisholm Of Election Campaign Charges

By MARTIN TOLCHIN

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 23—The Justice Department has virtually absolved Representative Shirley Chisholm, Democrat of Brooklyn, and her Presidential campaign committee of charges of having mishandled campaign funds.

The charges were made last fall by the General Accounting Office in a 10-page report, which was referred to the Justice Department for legal action based on what the G.A.O. called "apparent violations" of election and corporate laws.

"The case is substantially closed," a Justice Department spokesman said today.

He explained that charges of misconduct could not be substantiated by the department and that other charges, including failure to keep records of contributions and expenditures, had since been remedied.

The Justice Department added, however, that the case was not completely closed because "a couple of minor matters are still pending."

A spokesman for the G.A.O. asked to comment, replied, "All we do is to refer apparent violations of the law."

The action is up to them," he added, referring to the Justice Department.

Mrs. Chisholm asked for her reaction. "I don't want to comment on the situation at all,"

The G.A.O. report found that the campaign committee's final report showed a \$6,000 deficit while in reality it had a surplus of more than \$18,000. Mrs. Chisholm contended that the report had been erroneously filed as a final report eight months after election day, 1972, and nearly a year after Mrs. Chisholm had ended her campaign as the first black woman to seek the Presidential nomination of a major party.

The G.A.O. report also found that Mrs. Chisholm's campaign committee had "failed to record the mailing address, occupation or place of business of persons to whom expenditures were made" as required by law.

Mrs. Chisholm contended that her campaign had been run by poor people who were inexperienced in presidential politics and were ignorant of the requirements of the law.

### Husband Named

The G.A.O. also found that the Presidential campaign funds were under the supervision of Conrad Chisholm, Mrs. Chisholm's husband, although he was not listed as treasurer, nor did he hold any other office.

"Mr. Conrad Chisholm [the candidate's husband], whose name is not listed on any report or statement filed by the committee, appears to have controlled all committee receipts and expenditures," the G.A.O. report said. "He deposited all receipts of the committee, and he signed all checks which were then co-signed by either Mr. [Cliff] Greene [Treasurer] or Mr. [Trevor]

Spence [Assistant Treasurer]."

Mrs. Chisholm has contended that the investigations were an attempt "to get me" and asserted that she had been "singled out" by the Nixon Administration for "investigation" and "harassment" because of her independent political stance against most of the Administration's policies.

The G.A.O. is, in fact, an independent agency of Congress. The agency also has referred to the Justice Department numerous complaints involving local committees for the Presidential campaigns of President Nixon, Senator George S. McGovern, Senator Edmund S. Muskie, and Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama. A Justice Department spokesman said that criminal information had been filed against the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, but that there had been few prosecutions for election fraud.



Shirley Chisholm

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For the information of receiving offices, investigation in captioned matter was first initiated in January, 1974, when the NYO received a communication dated January 14, 1974, from FBIHQ, which contained a departmental memo requesting the interview of persons associated with the SHIRLEY CHISHOLM For President Committee regarding their knowledge of solicitation and refund of three alleged corporate contributions to this committee. Investigation in this matter was terminated in NYO by report dated 4/24/74.

On 4/28/76, AUSA SAMUEL DAWSON, EDNY, requested that investigation in captioned matter be re-instituted for the sole purpose of attempting to determine whether campaign contributors listed below and whose names were furnished by AUSA DAWSON, obtained from Contributor Lists, were in fact legitimate contributors or whether their names were merely used.

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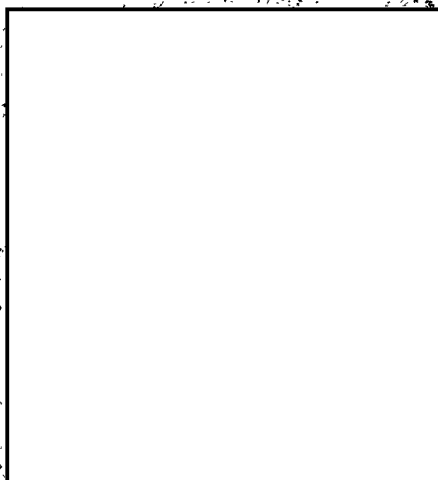
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Name and Address  
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Amount

Date



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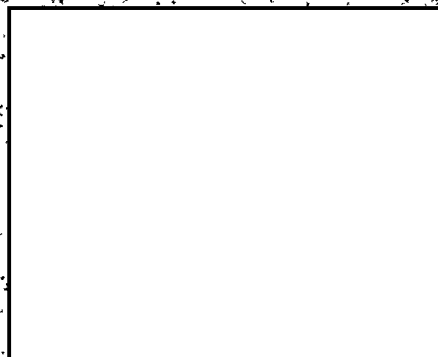
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\*Records of US Postal Service, Directory of Post Offices,  
does not list Baltimore as a city in Indiana.



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\$2,600.00

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LEADS

All offices conduct logical investigation to  
identify persons listed above. If identified, these persons  
should be interviewed to determine whether they in fact did  
make a contribution to the SHIRLEY CHISHOLM For President  
Committee. In addition, confirm the amount contributed, to  
whom the contribution was made, and obtain any record such  
as a canceled check.

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All persons interviewed must be advised at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the US Dept. of Justice.

When submitting results of investigation requested, please furnish the NYO with FD-302s or investigative inserts so that the NYO may include the results of this investigation into a report.

Submit results of your investigation within 15 days of the receipt of this communication.

Airtel

5/5/76

To: AETE, New York (100-803)

1 - [redacted]

From: Director, FBI (100-49891)

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT  
COMMITTEE [redacted]

[redacted]

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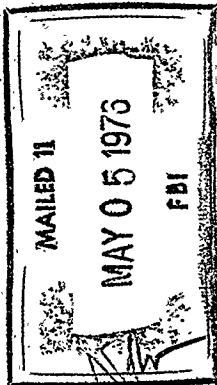
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Re: Airtel dated 5/4/76.

Departmental attorney, Criminal Division, advised following his conference with AUSA Eastern District, EDNY, as to the captioned matter, it was determined that the investigation requested by AUSA Eastern on 4/23/76, should not be conducted.

In view of this fact, this matter should be closed.



- 4 - Boston
- 2 - Baltimore
- 1 - Buffalo
- 1 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Seattle

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NOTE: At the request of the Department, an election law investigation had been conducted during March-April, 1974, into the activities of the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee with particular attention being paid to the determining of whether any corporations provided campaign contributions to this committee. The results of this investigation were forwarded to the Department 4/24/74 without any additional investigation being requested or any prosecution resulting from this investigation.

On 4/28/76, AUSA, EDNY, requested that investigation into this campaign committee by reinstituting to determine if certain campaign contributors did, in fact, contribute to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee.

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Airtel to ADIC, New York

RE: [REDACTED]

On 5/3/76, [REDACTED] Criminal Division, USDJ, was advised of the AUSA's, EDNY, request for reinstituting this investigation. [REDACTED] stated that all investigation should be held in abeyance until he had an opportunity to confer with the AUSA re his request. b6 b7C

All Offices having outstanding leads were telephonically advised to hold this investigation in abeyance.

On 5/4/76, [REDACTED] advised that following his discussion with the AUSA, EDNY, it was resolved that the matter in question as to whether or not certain individuals did, in fact, contribute to the Shirley Chisholm for President Committee, was no longer germane since the statute had run. [REDACTED] advised in election law matters,\* there was only a 3-year statute and since the contributions in question reportedly were made during 1972, this matter is no longer covered under the Statute of Limitations. b6 b7C

This airtel is advising all Offices, who had outstanding leads, that no investigation should be conducted and that this matter is closed.

*\* involving violations of T18 sect 610*

FBI

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TO: SAC, New York

1/14/74

(Date)

From: Director, FBI

1 - **SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE****18 SSC 610  
ELECTION LAWS**Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 1/10/74  
with enclosure.Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of  
Section 35, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 15  
days of the receipt of this communication.State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results  
of a ☒ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited  
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminaryAdvise ☒ all persons interviewed  
☐ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being  
conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.Remarks: The Bureau will handle the contact with Congresswoman  
Chisholm's Office advising that investigation has been  
requested by the Department.

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